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SUBJECT: RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

REF: A) GABORONE 575; B) STATE 097854

1. SECRETARY MPUCHANE HAS INFORMED THE DCM THAT HE HAS DISCUSSED THE SUBJECT OF THE RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN BOTSWANA WITH ACTING PRESIDENT MASIRE. MPUCHANE WAS INSTRUCTED TO SAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA REGRETS THAT IT CANNOT ACCEDE TO THE REQUEST OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN BOTSWANA.

2. BY WAY OF EXPLANATION, HE REMINDED THE DCM THAT BOTSWANA ALREADY HAS PROBLEMS WITH THE MANY SOUTH AFRICAN REFUGEES, AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE REGION, SPECIFICALLY THE UNCERTAINTIES IN SURROUNDING COUNTRIES, HOLD THE CONTINUOUS POSSIBILITY FOR UNEXPECTED LARGE NUMBERS OF REFUGEES COMING INTO BOTSWANA. FOR EXAMPLE, THERE ARE ALREADY 4,000 ANGOLAN REFUGEES WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF

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BOTSWANA IS WORKING TO RESETTLE. EVENTS IN RHODESIA

AND NAMIBIA COULD SPARK REFUGEE MOVEMENTS TO BOTSWANA
FROM EITHER COUNTRY. AS A SMALL AND UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRY,
BOTSWANA SIMPLY DOES NOT HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO HANDLE
REFUGEES FROM A DISTANT AREA WHEN IT MAY HAVE THE NEED TO
RELOCATE REFUGEES FROM WITHIN ITS OWN REGION.

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